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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON EC

REF: A) LUXEMBOURG 0828; B) LUXEMBOURG 0852

1. IN JANUARY 22 PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON STATEMENTS  
MADE BY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER GASTON THORN  
CONCERNING EC DECEMBER SUMMIT (REPORTED REFTELS), THORN  
MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON THE PRESENT STATE OF  
AFFAIRS IN THE EC:

A) THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN COUNCIL IS A GOOD  
THING, AS LONG AS THE ROME TREATY IS NOT THEREBY DRAINED  
OF ITS SUBSTANCE. THE EC COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS  
SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT COORDINATION ROLE.

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UNFORTUNATELY, NO BINDING AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE

SUMMIT ON MAJORITY VOTING IN THE EC COUNCIL. SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE ON AGREEMENT ON DIRECT ELECTIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AS FRANCE DROPPED HER PREVIOUS OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEDURE. LUXEMBOURG SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, TAKE UNILATERAL STEPS TO ORGANIZE DIRECT NATIONAL ELECTIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

B) SATISFACTION CAN BE DERIVED FROM THE GREATER IDENTITY OF VIEW BETWEEN THE US AND FRANCE ON ENERGY QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, EUROPEAN INDEPENDENCE IS LOSING GROUND TO NATIONAL SELFISHNESS, WHICH COULD PRODUCE "SUICIDAL" RESULTS.

C) THE CAP WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN DUBLIN. THE GOL WILL CONTINUE TO FAVOR INCREASES IN AGRICULTURAL PRICES. LUXEMBOURG DID TAKE NATIONAL MEASURES WHEN NECESSARY, BUT STILL FAVORS WORKING THROUGH THE CAP.FARKAS

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